

**REMARKS**

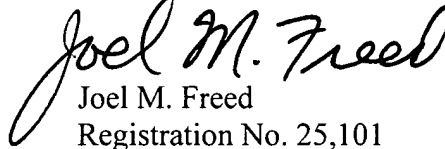
During a telephone conversation on May 15, 2006 timing of the submission of the foregoing supplemental amendment was discussed. It is believed that the supplemental amendment now places this application in condition for allowance for reasons of record.

Should any minor matters remain unresolved, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the direct dial number 202.756.8080.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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